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MEMORANDUM FOR THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Liaison Between the Joint Intelligence Group of the Joint Staff and the Central Intelligence Agency

Reference: Memorandum to the Director of Central Intelligence from the Joint Chiefs of Staff, dated 16 December 1947, subject as above

1. The proposal outlined in reference memorandum is entirely acceptable to the Central Intelligence Agency.

2. As stated in a previous memorandum to the Director of the Joint Staff, it is the opinion of the undersigned that representatives of the Central Intelligence Agency should attend meetings of the Joint Intelligence Committee dealing with intelligence estimates, in order that this Agency may lend every assistance within its capabilities to the Joint Staff and the Joint Intelligence Committee.

3. The following named officer and alternate are thereafter nominated for duty as CIA representatives with the Intelligence Section of the Joint Intelligence Group:



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R. H. WILKINSON
Deputy Chief, USI
Director of Central Intelligence

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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
Washington 25, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

Subject: Liaison between the Joint Intelligence Group of the Joint Staff, and the Central Intelligence Agency.

In compliance with the new National Security Act of 1947 (Unification Act), a Joint Staff has been formed under the Joint Chiefs of Staff. One of the three major subdivisions of the Joint Staff is the Joint Intelligence Group, divided into an intelligence section and a security control section, the members of which serve on a full-time basis under the Director of the Joint Staff. Functioning along with this group will be the Joint Intelligence Committee, essentially as at present, but without State Department representation. It will perform its present intelligence functions and in addition will perform the security functions now assigned to Joint Security Control.

It seems that the facilities and capabilities of the Central Intelligence Agency could be made available to the Joint Staff in a practical way if the Director of Central Intelligence designates at an early date a military representative (preferably with a military assistant) as liaison officer(s) with the Intelligence Section of the Joint Intelligence Group. As liaison officer(s) the Central Intelligence Agency representative(s) would serve as a channel between the Joint Intelligence Group and the Central Intelligence Agency, and would attend those meetings of the Joint Intelligence Committee dealing with intelligence estimates when the meetings are attended by representatives of the three military services (Army, Navy, Air) in the Intelligence Section of the Joint Intelligence Group. Thus the Central Intelligence Agency representative(s) would see intelligence papers of the Joint Intelligence

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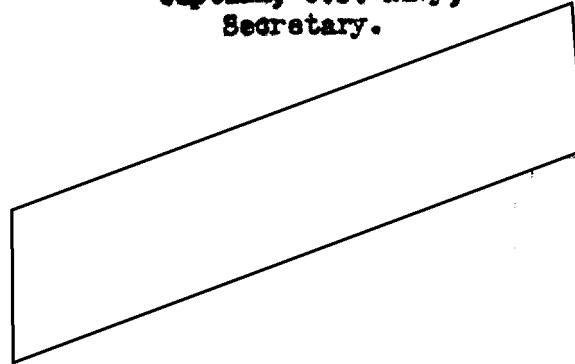
Committee and Joint Intelligence Group and would be in a position to insure that information and intelligence from the nonmilitary government agencies are made available to the Joint Staff through the medium of the Central Intelligence Agency.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

/s/ W. G. Lalor

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